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for the year 1959

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

CASTLE DONINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

With the Compliments

of the

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Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
CASTLE DONINGTON,

July, 1960.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE CASTLE DONINGTON RURAL
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The year under review was a particularly healthy one, as you will recall on reading this report.

No serious epidemics occurred. There were only thirty-nine cases of measles in the district. In 1958 there were one hundred and fifty-six cases of measles in Castle Donington, in 1957 one hundred and forty-nine in Kegworth, and in 1955 one hundred and twenty-eight in Castle Donington.

Our corrected death rate was 11.45 per thousand and thus slightly better than the figure of 11.6 for England and Wales, but not so good as that for our previous year, when it was 10.27. The corrected birth rate once again improved, being 17.8, which was one per thousand of the population higher than 1958, and 1.3 per thousand higher than the birth rate for England and Wales.

The number of children immunised against diphtheria was seriously lower than last year - one hundred and four children compared with one hundred and forty-eight. The number of reinforcing injections fell proportionately.

As I have emphasised before, although diphtheria occurs only sporadically, and in small numbers in this country at present, a serious epidemic with numerous fatalities could readily break out in a diminishingly immunised community.

As suggested by the Council details of road accidents which occurred in the Rural District are included. These statistics were supplied by Loughborough Division of the Leicestershire and Rutland Constabulary, and I am grateful to the Superintendent and Officers of the Traffic Control Department for their helpful co-operation.

I am indebted to the Public Health Inspector for his reports on inspections of food premises and carcases. I thank him and all members of my Public Health Staff for their highly competent work, their customary loyalty, and valuable help during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. MONTFORD.

Medical Officer of Health.

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Miss J. Bowley.

Z Y M O T I C D I S E A S E SIN THE VILLAGES COMPRISING THE RURAL DISTRICTY E A R 1 9 5 9

Village	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Pneumonia	Total
Belton	11	-	1	-	12
Breedon-on-the Hill	-	-	6	2	8
Castle Donington	7	2	7	6	22
Charley	7	-	-	-	7
Diseworth	-	1	31	1	33
Kegworth	8	2	-	2	12
Lockington	2	-	-	-	2
Long Whatton	1	-	3	-	4
Tonge	-	-	4	-	4
Wilson	3	-	-	1	4
Total	39	5	52	12	108

No notifications of ophthalmia neonatorum were received.

Z Y M O T I C D I S E A S E SNOTIFICATION RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION

Notifications	Castle Donington Rural District Council		England and Wales	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Primary Pneumonia	1.18	0.58	0.59	0.49
Scarlet Fever	0.49	0.29	1.05	0.86
Whooping Cough	5.1	0.29	0.73	0.75
Measles	3.83	14.33	11.88	5.74
Poliomyelitis	-	-	0.01	0.03
Paralytic	-	-	0.006	0.01
Non-Paralytic	-	-		
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	0.23	0.24
Diphtheria	-	-	0.002	0.002
Food Poisoning	-	-	0.22	0.19
Dysentery	-	6.18	0.78	0.84
Erysipelas	-	-	0.005	0.07
Encephalitis	-	0.1	0.003	0.004

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

NUMBER OF CHILDREN TREATED

1st JANUARY to 31st DECEMBER, 1959

Age at 31/12/59 (Born in year)	Under 1	1958	1957	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Primary Immunisations	26	61	8	5	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Booster Injections	-	-	-	-	8	40	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

This table was supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health.
 One hundred and four children were immunised (one hundred and forty-eight primaries in 1958) and fifty-eight received re-inforcing injections (eighty-three in 1958).

VITAL STATISTICSCIVILIAN POPULATION

10,190

COMPARABILITY FACTORS

Births 1.05
 Deaths 1.08

LIVE BIRTHS

	M.	F.
Total	85	88
Legitimate	83	84
Illegitimate	2	4

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

M.	F.
86	94

DEATHS OF INFANTS
UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

	M.	F.
Total	3	-
Legitimate	3	-
Illegitimate	-	-

DEATHS OF INFANTS
UNDER FOUR WEEKS OF AGE

	M.	F.
Total	1	-
Legitimate	1	-
Illegitimate	-	-

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS
PER CENT OF TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS

3.5%

MATERNAL DEATHS

Nil

DISTRICT FIGURES

Area in acres	23,743
Estimated Population	10,190
Rateable Value	£224,549
Product of 1d. rate	£813.

DEATH RATESPER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION

Diseases	Castle Donington Rural District Council	England and Wales
All Causes	11.45	11.6
Tuberculosis	-	0.08
Influenza	0.21	0.17
Pneumonia	0.21	0.6

BIRTH RATESPER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION

Live Births (Corrected)	17.8	16.5
Still Births Total Live and Still Births	38.9	20.7

DEATH RATEPER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS UNDER ONE YEAR

Total	16.5	22.0
Legitimate	16.5	
Illegitimate	-	

DEATH RATEOF INFANTS UNDER FOUR WEEKSPER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS

	5.5	15.8
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WATER SUPPLYPARTICULARS OF WATER SUPPLIESFROM PUBLIC MAINS

Parish	Number of Houses		Direct		Stand Pipes	Private Supply	Well Supply
	1959	1958	1959	1958			
Castle Donington	1,199	1,197	1,175	1,173	12	-	12
Kegworth	883	879	857	850	16	-	10
Belton	209	209	188	188	2	-	19
Breedon-on-the-Hill	239	237	223	221	-	7	9
Charley	81	81	-	-	-	-	81
Isley-cum-Langley	26	26	11	11	-	-	15
Lockington/Hemington	171	170	155	154	-	-	16
Long Whatton)	429	428	226	226	14	-	49
Diseworth			121	120	-	-	19
Total	3,237	3,227	2,956	2,943	44	7	230

POPULATION

Parish	Estimated Population	Direct	Standpipes	Private Supply	Well Supply
Castle Donington	3,543	3,469	27	-	47
Kegworth	2,787	2,706	33	-	48
Belton	679	600	10	-	69
Breedon-on-the-Hill	814	753	-	24	37
Charley	398	-	-	-	398
Isley-cum-Langley	175	117	-	-	58
Lockington/ Hemington	543	493	-	-	50
Long Whatton/ Diseworth	1,251	641	28	-	156
		352	14	-	60
Total	10,190	9,131	112	24	923

Reports from the supplying authorities are shown in the following pages.

WATER SUPPLY OBTAINED FROM THE LOUGHBOROUGH CORPORATION

REPORT FROM MR. J.S. BATES. A.M.I.C.E. A.M.I.MUN.E. A.M.T.P.I.
BOROUGH SURVEYOR AND WATER ENGINEER, LOUGHBOROUGH.

During the year twelve chemical samples of the water supplied to this rural district were taken and in all cases the examination showed these to be satisfactory. Of the fourteen samples taken for bacteriological examination the reports showed twelve to be satisfactory, and two which were taken with the chlorination plant out of action showed the water to be below the required standard. Check samples taken shortly afterwards with the plant in action were perfectly satisfactory. The chlorination plant has accordingly been duplicated as a safeguard.

The following is a copy of the full chemical and bacteriological examination made of a sample taken on the 29th June, 1959.

BLACKBROOK FILTERED WATERCHEMICAL RESULTS IN PARTS PER MILLION

Appearance	Bright with Particles
Colour	15
pH	7.3
Electric Conductivity	340
Chlorine present as Chloride	18
Hardness : Total.....	170
Carbonate	95
Non-carbonate	75
Nitrate Nitrogen	1.7
+ Ammoniacal Nitrogen	0.000
+ Albuminoid.....	0.026
Turbidity.....	Less than 3
Odour	Nil
Free Carbon Dioxide	10
Dissolved Solids dried at 180°C.....	230
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate.....	95
Nitrite Nitrogen.....	Absent
Oxygen absorbed	1.4
Residual Chlorine	Absent
Iron	0.03
Metals : Copper	0.05
Zinc, Lead & Manganese ..	Absent

+ To convert to Ammonia multiply by 1.21

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS

Number of colonies developing on Agar	(1 day at 37°C	2 days at 37°C	3 days at 20°C
	(3 per ml.	3 per ml.	5 per ml.

	Present in	Absent from	Probable number
Presumptive Coliform reaction	- ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Bact. coli (Type I)	- ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Cl. Welchii reaction	100 ml.	10 ml.	

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance, neutral in reaction and free from metals apart from minute traces of iron and copper. The water is moderately hard in character and it contains no excess of mineral constituents. It shows only a trace of colour and is of satisfactory organic and bacterial purity.

These results are indicative of a wholesome water suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

DERVENT WATER SUPPLIED BY LEICESTER CITY CORPORATIONREPORT FROM MR. HAL WALLHOUSE, M.I.C.E. M.ASCE. M.I.W.E. A.M.I.Mech.E.WATER ENGINEER AND MANAGER TO CITY OF LEICESTER

During the year 1959 intensified sampling of water continued both from the Derwent Valley Water Board and from the local resources, for both chemical and bacteriological examination.

The particulars about sampling of Derwent Valley water, from which source the whole of the supply of this area is derived, are as follows :-

Sawley Meter House.

Samples from the mains have been taken daily throughout the year and subjected to the presumptive test for B. Coli. and every analysis has shown negative results.

At Hallgates.

Samples have been taken three times each week and subjected to an extended chemical and bacteriological examination by the City Analyst Mr. F.C. Bullock. The results for the year have been consistently good with no presumptive B. Coli. Typical figures from the last analysis of the year on samples taken on the 29th December, 1959, are :-

pH	7.3
Residual Chlorine	Nil
Nitrite	0.5 p.p.m.
Plate Count	Nil
Colour	4
Chloride	11 ppm.
Coliform organisms per 100 ml.	Nil

LONG EATON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORTS BY DERBYSHIRE COUNTY BACTERIOLOGIST ON WATER IN

THE NEW RESERVOIR, CASTLE DONINGTON

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Date of Report. 1959.	Number	Age in Hours	Hrs. 1	Mins -	Plate Count. Yeast/strl Agar 24 hrs. 37°C. aerobically	Probable number of coliform bacilli, 37°C MacConkey 2 days, 37°C per 100 ml.	Ditto. of Bact. Coli. Type I. per 100 ml.	Bacteriologically this sample is suitable for drinking purposes.
22nd Jan	W. 99/59				Not done	Nil	-	Suitable
18th Feb.	W.335/59	1	10		" "	"	-	"
25th Mar.	W.612/59	-	40		" "	"	-	"
22nd April	W.846/59	-	50		" "	"	-	"
27th May	W.1178/59	-	45		" "	"	-	"
25th June	W.1639/59	1	30		" "	"	-	"
23rd July	W.2052/59	1	45		" "	"	-	"
27th Aug.	W.2544/59		55		" "	"	-	"
23rd Sept.	W.2952/59	1	5		" "	"	-	"
21st Oct.	W.3306/59	1	25		" "	"	-	"
25th Nov.	W.3681/59		20		" "	"	-	"
23rd Dec.	W.3900/59	1	45		" "	"	-	"

CARCASES AND OFFALINSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	1,117	230	32	4,225	1,480	-
Number Inspected	1,117	230	32	4,225	1,480	-
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis and</u> <u>Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	1	5	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	310	26	4	71	40	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysterci	27.75	11.3	15.62	1.75	2.7	
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	86	27	-	-	30	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	7.78	11.74	-	-	2.03	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

FOOD PREMISESFOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

Type of Premises	Number in the District	Number of Inspections
Butchers' Shops	8	45
Premises selling pre-packed icecream	40	38
Cafes	12	20
Fried Fish Shops	2	6
Bakehouses	3	9

FOOD AND DRUGSMILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1959

Milk Distributors	14	14
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ROAD ACCIDENTS IN THE CASTLE DONINGTON RURAL DISTRICTACCIDENT STATE

	<u>FATAL</u>	<u>SERIOUS</u>	<u>SLIGHT</u>	<u>NO INJURY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Accidents	3	30	21	87	141
Casualties	8	43	36	-	87

The following is an analysis of the above accidents, showing the established causes :-

NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS(a) DUE TO THE ACTIONS OF DRIVERS

		<u>TOTAL</u>
(1)	Under the influence of drink or drugs	-
(2)	Inexperienced with type of vehicle in use at time	4
(3)	Failing to keep to nearside or to proper traffic lane.	7
(4)	Overtaking improperly	17
(5)	Cyclist riding with head down	-
(6)	Inattentive or attention diverted	10
(7)	Turning left without due care	3
(8)	Turning right without due care	9
(9)	Crossing without due care at road junction	6
(10)	Dazzled by lights of another vehicle	-
(11)	Moving off without taking proper precautions	1
(12)	Following too closely behind another vehicle	9
(13)	Other apparent error of judgment	21
		87

(b) ANIMALS

Animals (other than dogs) in the carriageway	<u>2</u>
	2

(c) OBSTRUCTIONS

(1)	Collision with vehicle involved in previous accident..	1
(2)	Any other obstruction	3
(3)	Any feature of vehicle or equipment which contributed to the accident	6

10

(d) ROAD CONDITIONS

(1)	View obscured etc. by layout or road (including objects off carriageway).....	-
(2)	Slippery road surface due to factors other than weather	3
(3)	Other road conditions	3

6

(e) WEATHER

(1)	Fog or mist	6
(2)	Ice, frost or snow	3
(3)	Other weather conditions	2

11

(f) OTHERS

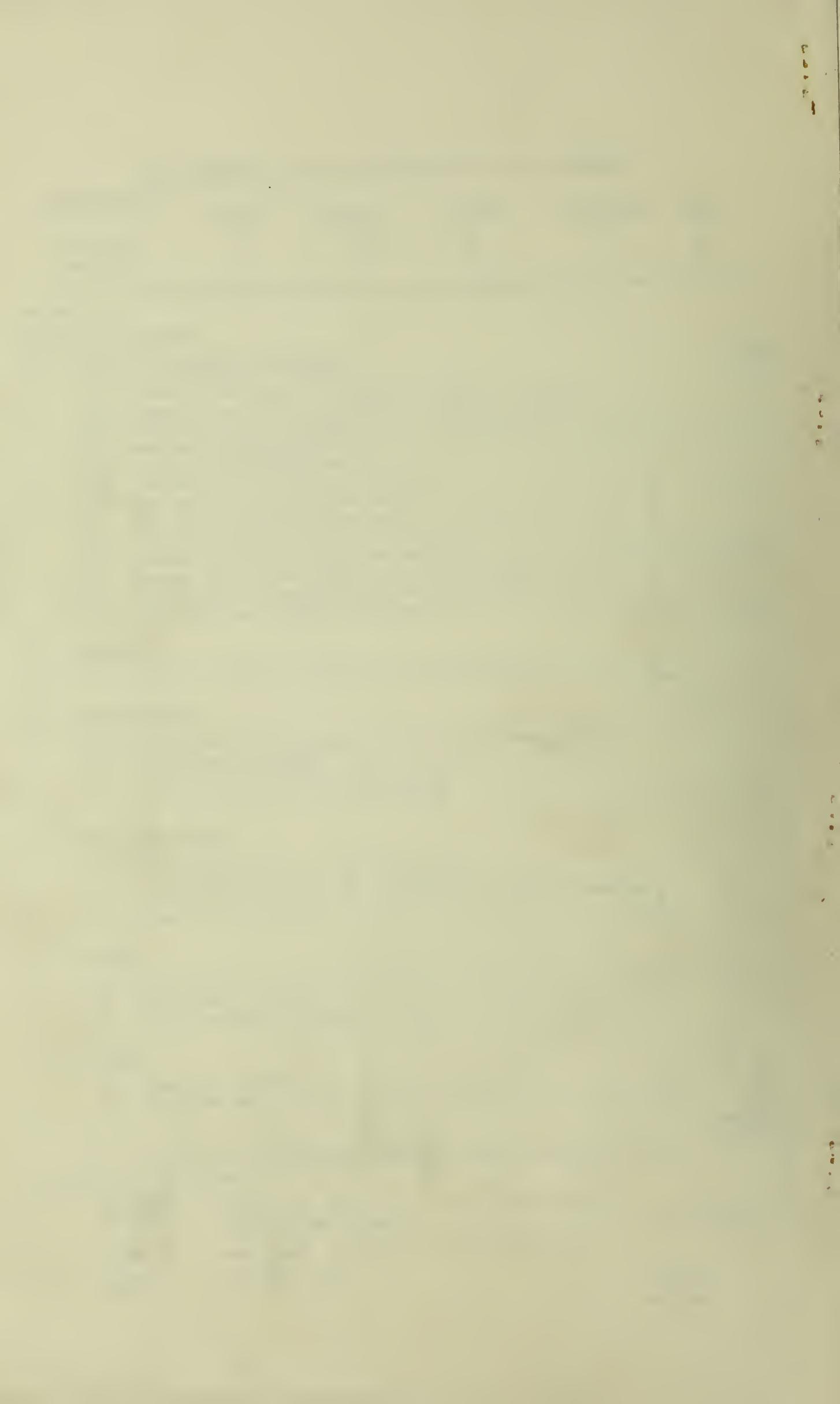
(1)	Cause not traced	5
(2)	Other causes	20

25

141

The locations of the four fatal accidents which took place in the district are as follows :-

<u>KEGWORTH</u>	- Derby Road, 50 yards on the Kegworth side of the dual carriageway	5 killed.
<u>TONGE</u>	- Ashby Road Junction of A.453 and A.447	1 "
<u>WILSON</u>	- Melbourne Road	<u>2</u> " <u>8</u> "



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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

AND HOUSING MANAGER.

YEAR 1959.

E. N. PEARSON

M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.



OCTOBER, 1960.

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Public Health & Surveyor's Department,
Council Offices,
CASTLE DONINGTON,
Nr. Derby.

October, 1960.

TO THE CHAIRMAN
AND MEMBERS OF THE
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF CASTLE DONINGTON.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The year is noteworthy for it is most likely that this can be the last annual report in which references are made to water shortage in the parish of Castle Donington, since the awaited scheme for water to be taken from the new River Dove Aqueduct at Breedon-on-the-Hill was approved.

Of the work undertaken by the department a large proportion of time was taken up by housing and meat inspection and it is of interest to record one hundred per cent inspection of all carcases reported for slaughter.

Although the number of licensed caravans on individual sites remained more or less constant, there were times during the year when complaints had to be investigated as fairly large numbers of caravans were sited for varying periods on land not provided with the amenities that are so necessary for this particular sort of occupation.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the interest shown by the Chairman of the Council, Chairman of the Public Health Committee, and Chairman of the Housing Committee and all members of the Council. I am also grateful to the Clerk to the Council and to the staff for loyal co-operation in the department.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

E. N. PEARSON,

Surveyor, Public Health
Inspector and Housing Manager.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Total Number of Inspections ...	...	...	...	...	1,927
Total Number of Complaints received..	...	...	...	...	135
Total Number of Defects or Nuisances found	...	...	...	...	152
Nuisances abated during 1959 ..	...	...	...	...	152
Outstanding at the end of 1959	...	...	...	...	-

The total inspections above relate to :-

	Inspections and Re-visits
Animal Keeping	3
Bakehouses	15
Dairies	10
Drainage Works	191
Dwelling Houses (All purposes)	231
Infectious Disease Enquiries	9
Food Premises	64
Refuse Collection and Disposal	78
Rodent Control	177
Schools	13
Shops	48
Slaughter Houses, etc.	624
Smoke Control	2
Tents, Vans, sheds, etc.	63
Water Supplies	340
Workshops, Outworkers, etc.	49
Other Inspections	10
Total	1,927

HOUSING

There were no houses erected or even under construction during the year, but further progress was made in connection with the substandard houses at Belton where new houses will be erected on the Clearance site to house persons displaced.

The delay in general house building was mainly on account of the economic circumstances prevailing at the time, but it is anticipated that these difficulties may soon be overcome and allow the Council to go forward with their building programme, for the number on the list of applicants for Council Houses in some of the parishes continues to increase.

In my report last year I inferred that improvement grants were an important part of the Housing Act, and set out in detail the "Twelve Point Standard".

The Council considered and approved twenty-seven Discretionary and four Standard Grants where alterations and improvements were carried out to houses to give them the necessary amenities. I am still of the opinion as I stated in a previous report, that full advantage is not being taken by landlords of this part of the Housing Act in having the assistance to improve dwelling houses. Although the twelve points do not apply in the entirety for standard grants, the house after improvement, must not be unfit for a period of at least fifteen years.

Like many other local authorities the Council had to approach the Ministry of Housing and Local Government with regard to the trouble caused by condensation in the aluminium prefabricated bungalows at Castle Donington. The Ministry subsequently agreed for work to be carried out of covering the roofs in accordance with a suggested specification and the work was completed before the winter. I feel sure that the effort is worth while since it will have the effect of maintaining a higher temperature in the roof space and providing air movement is maintained in the dwellings by the natural means of ventilation, this will go far to remove the likelihood of damage and inconvenience in the future. Before the end of the year it was gratifying to receive from tenants both word and letter of appreciation.

The work on the scheme for the modernisation of the Council's pre-war houses continued and we should soon have hot water and modern fittings in the bathrooms of all these houses.

There were one hundred and forty-three applicants for Council houses at the end of the year

Belton	...	...	...	...	...	13
Breedon-on-the-Hill	...	...	...	...	...	10
Castle Donington	...	...	...	...	...	78
Kegworth	...	...	...	...	...	29
Lockington/Hemington	...	...	...	...	...	7
Long Whatton/Diseworth	...	...	...	...	...	6

Total						143

The department carried on the inspection of sub-standard properties and during the year a Public Enquiry was held in connection with two Compulsory Purchase Orders made on property, involving thirty-six properties at Belton and Castle Donington.

Ten houses were built by private enterprise.

Number of Notices served 1959

	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Formal</u>
Housing Act, 1936	31	-
Public Health Act, 1936	61	-

No summonses were issued.

WATER SUPPLIES

The year 1959 can be placed on record as a difficult one as far as the distribution of water in certain parts of the rural district was concerned. It became much more apparent that new water mains and increased reservoir capacity are a necessity, for it was almost an impossibility to supply the demands of a rapidly developing district by means of the existing system.

There were certain areas, particularly the fringe of Castle Donington, where the shortage brought about many difficulties and on occasion the position was aggravated by one of the driest summers recorded for many years. However the public responded in some measure to the Council's appeal for economy in the use of water.

By the end of the year some of the Council's concern could be removed, for the schemes were being considered by the Ministry for a new reservoir and a new pipe line to be laid in from the River Dove Aqueduct at Breedon-on-the Hill, which should have the effect of a general improvement.

Although there were no major extensions to water mains within the district there were several extensions to farms and other outlying properties.

RODENT CONTROL

Premises were visited on complaint and treatment carried out in accordance with the system suggested by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Public sewers were treated which involved pre-baiting and where taken, subsequent poisoning

There were systematic surveys of the sewage works and refuse tips.

In some cases many visits had to be made to properties, for in spite of the continued efforts by many to destroy, there is always likely to be a rat population.

It is disturbing to think that food is still exposed in a careless manner by the occupiers of premises and I would advise against this practice, especially where there is the likelihood of being near to a suspect area.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The first part of the improvement works approved by the Ministry was completed at Kegworth during the year, which included the new pumping station alongside the original building which has ensured fully automatic pumping as against the previous hand controlled system in operation, together with the new 21" storm water pipe from the Derby Road/Sideley area.

Representations and a scheme were submitted to the Ministry during the year, which included for the works and plant and effluent disposal arrangements to deal with the existing drainage from the developing district.

At Castle Donington there were complaints made during the year of flooding in certain areas, particularly the Spital when the sewers became surcharged during storm periods and reports were made to the Ministry of Housing & Local Government for permission to lay in a new sewer with additional filter bed.

Once again the Council were concerned by the flooding of the Works at Long Whatton, which is occasioned when there is a rise in the level of the Whatton Brook and here again reports were made to the Ministry for permission to carry out remedial works.

A survey was carried out of the properties on the East side of the railway bridge at Tonge and the Council communicated with the Ministry department with a view to obtaining the views whether or not it would be possible for consideration to be given to the sewerage of this area that was left out of the original scheme.

Drainage dykes received attention at Wilson, and thirteen pail closets were abolished and converted to the fresh water carriage system.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

Total Number of Water Closets at the end of the year ...	3,535
Total Number of Pail Closets at the end of the year ...	160
Total Number of Privies at the end of the year	35

BUS SHELTERS

There were six bus shelters erected during the year situate in the following villages :-

Beltcn	- Rempstone Road.
Castle Donington	- Cavendish Bridge.
Diseworth	- The Green.
Hemington	- Lockington Lane.
Kegworth	- Station Road.
Wilson	- Main Street.

The shelters, of brick and tile construction, were a departure from the prefabricated covered queue barriers which were included in the last scheme.

An arrangement was also made with the owner of property at Worthington Lane, Breedon-on-the-Hill to incorporate a shelter into a stone wall to match the existing surroundings, and also at Breedon-on-the-Hill a shelter was erected at Berry Avenue without any cost to the Council.

At Castle Donington shrubs and trees were planted on the land at the rear and surrounding the shelter, and for some time afterwards trouble was caused by persons removing and damaging shrubs. Following reports made to the Council warnings were issued by the Police, which I trust will have lasting effects.

The illustrations are produced to compare both the danger and the inconvenience that existed at the junction of Delven Lane and the High Street when buses had to both load and off-load on the main Trunk road.

The second picture shows that the near side of the bus and the people alighting and waiting are on land now within the confines of the bus station and that the buses can be conveniently positioned near the shelter for the benefit of passengers.



(1) Showing junction of Delven Lane and High Street,
Castle Donington before alterations.



(2) Taken from High Street, Castle Donington
showing Bus Station and Shelter.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There were twenty-one caravans in the area at the end of the year standing on individual sites in the parishes of :-

Castle Donington,
Isley Walton,
Hemington,
Kegworth,
Long Whatton,
Wilson,

together with the communal site on the Station Road, Castle Donington, in accordance with the requirements of the Public Health Act, and the Town and Country Planning Act.

LIFE BELTS

The Council gave further consideration to the potential danger points on the riversides, and three life belts were provided and fixed on stands at places at Cavendish Bridge, Kings Mills and Kegworth.

Generally the Council's action must be appreciated, but it is quite evident that there are still people with an interest in vandalism who fail to realise that by pilfering the ropes from the life belts may result in loss of life.

SHOPS ACT

Routine inspections have been carried out at retail shops, and once again I can report co-operation with the shop keepers who have carried out alterations and provided themselves with up to date fittings in compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A reasonable collection service was maintained during the year, although there may have been odd occasions when the period between collections was lengthened, mainly on account of staff shortages during holiday periods and sickness.

During the year the Council were called upon to give consideration to the arrangements made for the disposal of trade refuse on account of the methods of tipping employed by persons disposing of their trade refuse at the Council's Tip. Indiscriminate tipping without regard to levelling or using the proper disposal tipping points, the Council were involved in expense in levelling.

A tractor was purchased for use in various departments of the Council, and it proved of particular value at the Refuse Tip.

MILK SAMPLING.

The department continued to co-operate with the County Health Department and the Public Health Laboratory Service, Leicester, and during the year sixteen samples of milk were submitted to the laboratory from the herds of producer/retailers for biological examination. There was no evidence of tuberculosis in any of the samples.

MILK LICENCES.

Particulars of licences issued by the Council are set out hereunder :-

Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteruised & Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

(a)	Dealers Licences	Pasteurised	...	9
		Sterilised	...	1
(b)	Supplementary Licences	Pasteurised	...	3
		Sterilised	...	2

Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949

(a)	Dealers' Licences	4
(b)	Supplementary Licences	2

SLAUGHTER HOUSES

Regular inspections were carried out at the three licensed slaughter houses at Castle Donington and Hemington, where they continued to be in full use.

	Cattle Excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	1,117	230	32	4,225	1,480
Number Inspected	1,117	230	32	4,225	1,480
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole Carcasses condemned	-	-	1	5	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	310	26	4	71	40
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	27.75	11.3	15.62	1.79	2.7
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	86	27	-	-	30
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	7.78	11.74	-	-	2.03
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

Routine inspections of factories were carried out during the year and all enquiries from H.M. Inspector of Factories were dealt with appropriately.

The department continued to co-operate with the Chief Fire Officer for the County in relation to applications made to the Council for certificates for Means of Escape in Case of Fire. Two certificates were issued in accordance with the requirements of Section 34.

There were alterations in the list of factories from last year, notably the trade of a stocking mender went out of business and a cinema was closed. Additions included workshops for light engineering, mould sand re-claiming, manufacturer of clinker blocks for building purposes, and grain drying and milling.

REGISTER OF FACTORIES

Electricity Generating Station	1
Stone and Limeworks	1
M.V. Alterations and Repairs	10
Joinery and Sawmill	8
Cinemas	1
General Engineering	1
Hosiery	4
Blacksmiths	1
Saddler	1
Clothing, Textiles, Linens, etc	1
Gasworks	2
Wheelwrights	1
Cement Pre-cast	2
Coach Builders.....	2
Machinery Tool Manufacturers	3
Furniture Springs	1
Cabinet Making	1
Bakers.....	3
Gravel	1
Wharf	1
Gloves	1
Heat Treatment of Metals	1
Timber Merchants	3
Needle Straightening	1
Plastics	1
Textile Application Printers	1
Refractory Mouldings	1
Sheet Metal Works	1
Terrazzo Tiles	1
Light Engineering	1
Grain Drying & Milling	1
Castings Stores	1
Mould sand re-claiming.....	1
Clinker Blocks	1

Total

62

